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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	940	2253	460	Extension for reply within third month	930.00
1254	1450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee	
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
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1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee	
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee	
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)**0**

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Extra Claims		Fee from Below		Fee Paid
Total Claims	Fee	Independent Claims	Fee	
20	22** = 0	4	44** = 0	
18		84		
0				

Multiple Dependent

**or number previously paid, if greater. For Reissues, see below

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204	42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)**0**

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 14 August 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the appended remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph of lines 16-21 of page 2 with the following:

According to a first aspect of the present invention, a thickness of an oxide film is measured by controlling an exposure time, or period, during which the oxide film is exposed to the atmosphere from the formation of the oxide film to the measurement of the thickness. As a result, the thickness can be measured accurately. The measured thickness may be corrected in accordance with the exposure period.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 22 of page 2 and ending on line 2 of page 3 with the following:

According to a second aspect of the present invention, a thickness of an oxide film is measured after washing a surface of the oxide film. The washing of the oxide film removes deposits from the surface of the oxide film, resulting in accurate measurement of the thickness of the oxide film. The exposure period, during which the oxide film is exposed from the washing to the measurement of the thickness can be controlled to more precisely measure the thickness.

Please replace the paragraph of lines 22-24 of page 3 with the following: